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Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A head cleaning member for use with an ink jet printer that performs printing on a recording medium by ejecting ink from a recording head, said cleaning member being used in abutment against an ink ejection surface of the recording head, in which:

said head cleaning member has a major surface having an area equal to or larger than the ink ejection surface of said recording head; and

a multiplicity of parallel and fine ink discharging grooves are provided on said major surface such that waste flows along the direction of the discharging grooves ~~ink can flow in a definite direction.~~

2. (original) A head cleaning member according to claim 1, wherein said ink discharging grooves are integrally formed on the major surface of a base body of said head cleaning member.

3. (original) A head cleaning member according to claim 1, wherein said ink discharging grooves are formed on a surface of a waste ink guiding film adhered to a base body of said head cleaning member.

4. (currently amended) A head cleaning member according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein said ink discharging grooves have a cross sectional shape selected from the group consisting of U-shape, V-shape, rectangular shape and a combination thereof.

5. (currently amended) A head cleaning member according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein a waste ink sump is further provided so as to collect waste ink that has flown through said ink discharging grooves.

6. (currently amended) A head cleaning member according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein said waste ink sump is further provided with an ink absorbent.

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7. (currently amended) A head cleaning member according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein a side wall which extends in the longitudinal direction and rises up higher than the ridge-like projections defining said ink discharging groove is provided on both ends of said head cleaning member.